

## General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 5707

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by: (INS)

## AN ACT CONCERNING TERMINATION OF INSURANCE PRODUCER CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 38a-709 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):
- 3 (a) [Any] Each insurance company authorized to transact fire or 4 casualty business in this state shall, upon termination of a producer's 5 appointment by said company, permit the renewal of all contracts of 6 insurance written by such producer for a period of eighteen months from the date of such termination, as determined by the individual 8 underwriting requirements of said company, [provided, in the event 9 of except that (1) for any contract not meeting such underwriting 10 requirements, the company shall give the producer sixty days' notice 11 of its intention not to renew said contract, and [provided further that] 12 (2) any such period of time may be reduced, in whole or in part, as the 13 commissioner [may deem] deems necessary for the purpose of 14 adequately protecting the insured or securing the solvency of such 15 company.

- 16 (b) No insurance agency contract entered into in this state, by a 17 licensed insurer with an insurance producer licensed under section 38a-769, shall be terminated by the licensed insurer appointing such 18 19 producer unless the licensed insurer upon terminating such contract [shall give] gives not less than ninety days' written notice in advance to 20 21 the [other party unless] producer, except that the contract [shall] may 22 be terminated by the licensed insurer for failure of the producer, after 23 receiving a written demand, to pay over moneys due to such insurer. [, provided during During said ninety-day period after any such notice, 24 25 the producer shall not write or bind any new business on behalf of the 26 licensed insurer without the specific written approval of such business by such insurer. [of such business.] 27
  - (c) [Any] <u>Each</u> insurance company renewing contracts of insurance in accordance with this section shall pay commissions for such renewals to the terminated producer in the same amount as had been paid to [him] <u>the producer</u> on similar policies during the twelve months immediately preceding the notice of termination.
  - (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) any contract with a producer for the sale of life or accident and health insurance, or (2) any contract of insurance owned by the insurer where, upon termination of a producer's appointment, the insurer offers to continue or renew the contract through another producer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2005		38a-709

## Statement of Purpose:

To revise provisions concerning the termination of insurance producer contracts and appointments.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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